



Gurnee Youth Baseball Participation Guidelines for Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan

Safety Guidelines:

- Masks are required to be worn while walking to and from fields.
- Social distance of at least six (6) feet must be maintained between non-household individuals unless participating on the field of play.
- When visiting other facilities, players and coaches will wear masks in the dugout if accommodations do not allow for social distancing when off the field of play.
- All participants (players, coaches, umpires) will sanitize hands before any practice or game, and **each time leaving the field of play**. GYB will provide hand sanitation for participants at American Legion Fields and Gurnee Park District fields.
- Any equipment to be shared must be disinfected before sharing. GYB will provide disinfectant supplies for equipment sharing, such as catcher's gear.
- Thermometers for taking participant's temperature will be available upon request at American Legion Fields.
- No handshakes, high-fives, and other unnecessary contact.
- Participants, in particular pitchers, should refrain from touching their face with their hands, blowing into their hands, licking their fingers, etc.
- GYB, as well as Gurnee Park District, reserve the right to revoke player and/or team privileges if not strictly abiding by the guidelines.

Facilities:

- Dugouts at American Legion Fields will be closed to players and players will be stationed six (6) feet or more when not participating on the field.
- All bleachers at American Legion Fields will be closed. Spectators must bring their own seating and must abide by 6-foot social distancing for non-household individuals. Spectators must be ten (10) feet or more from extended dugout fence lines and player bag areas. Practices and games will be suspended if social distancing is not maintained.
- There are no garbage receptacles at American Legion Fields. **If you bring it in, you bring it out!** Teams are responsible for the cleanliness of the field and spectator areas after the game.
- There will be no concessions or food cart service at American Legion Fields.
- Portable restrooms at American Legion Fields will be sprayed daily with disinfectant at the opening of the fields.
- At American Legion Fields and Gurnee Park District fields, each player shall be one fence post apart to comply with social distancing guidelines. At American Legion Fields, player bat bag locations will be marked by ribbons tied to the fence posts.
- At Gurnee Park District fields (O'Plaine, Viking) total attendance of players and spectators is subject to limitations. **Follow instructions from the team's Head Coach on spectator limits.** Practices and games will be suspended if capacity limits are not maintained and subject to loss of field use.
- Players will not be allowed to be in dugouts.
- Coaches may be in the dugouts if social distancing or with masks when within six (6) feet of one another.
- No seeds or food is allowed at American Legion Fields.

Coaches:

- Coaches will be required to have a mask and wear masks when arriving to and leaving fields.
- Head Coaches will maintain participation logs for every practice and game.
- Before each practice and game, the team's Head Coach will ask whether participants, including all coaches, are currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Before each game, Head Coaches or a Board Member will ask whether umpires are currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Coaches and Board Members will monitor social distancing. Practices and games at American Legion Fields and Gurnee Park District fields will be suspended if social distancing is not maintained.
- Coaches may be in the dugouts if social distancing or with masks when within six (6) feet of one another.

Players:

- **Players will be required to wear masks when arriving to and leaving fields.** Please have your player bring a clean zip-lock bag to store their mask inside bat bags during practice.
- Players will not be allowed to be in dugouts.
- At American Legion Fields and Gurnee Park District fields, each player shall be one fence post apart to comply with social distancing guidelines. At American Legion Fields fields, player bat bag locations will be marked by ribbons tied to the fence posts.
- Players may bring portable seating to be used at their bat bag location during games.
- Players must bring their own water bottles and cannot share them. We ask that the player's name be written clearly on their water bottle, to ensure there is no confusion during practice.
- All participants (players, coaches, umpires) will sanitize hands before any practice or game, and each time leaving the field of play. GYB will provide hand sanitation for participants at American Legion Fields and Gurnee Park District fields.

Parents and Spectators:

- Social distance of at least six (6) feet must be maintained between non-household individuals.
- Masks are required to be worn while walking to and from fields.
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- At Gurnee Park District fields (O'Plaine, Viking) total attendance of players and spectators is subject to limitations. **Follow instructions from the team's Head Coach on spectator limits.** Practices and games will be suspended if capacity limits are not maintained and subject to loss of field use.
- There are no garbage receptacles at American Legion Fields. **If you bring it in, you bring it out!**